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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: NASA Headquarters
Attn: John C. Mankins, Deputy Director Human and Robotic Technology

FROM: Stephen V. Porter, EA/AMS Project Manager

SUBJECT: Ting availability to address the Panel

Per my action to try to set up a time that Professor Ting can talk to your Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer Independent Review Panel (AMS IRP), please see the response below. It is consistent with the response I sent you two weeks ago.

1. Professor Ting and I discussed the need to have additional Collaboration. Professor Ting is constrained by the Rules of the Collaboration, which he is required to honor. For reviews like this of obvious and immediate importance to all the Collaboration, the list of people in his letter must be invited. They can decline if they so desire. If they come, they will bear the entire cost of their trip.
2. The earliest availability is the week of the June 27. If you send an invitation for all of the folks, he will coordinate with the membership and verify the dates they all can support. It should be noted that if the dates are in conflict with critical Return To Return Flight Activities (FRR, Pre-Flight MMT, or actual on-orbit flight), I will not be able to support.

I know this is not in line with your desires, but I also believe Professor Ting has to honor Collaboration commitments. In the interest of ensuring the AMS IRP gets to hear all the information, the AMS Collaboration must be heard and therefore, NASA should name a range of dates and allow these folks to come and talk with your Panel for three hours. That way, the Panel can say without dispute that the Collaboration was heard and considered.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. V. Porter". To the right of the signature, the word "FOR" is written in a stylized, handwritten font.

Stephen V. Porter

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